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LAFAYETTE VISTAS

Library Update

The Lafayette Community Foundation has taken on the formidable task of raising capital funds for the new Lafayette Library. A new library – needed, discussed, and dreamt about for years – will soon become a reality through a collaborative public and private effort. The Foundation, joined by the Friends of the Library and the Historical Society, has a fundraising goal of $10 million dollars. The money will be used to construct the library and provide an ongoing endowment for maintenance. The City will own the new building while the County continues to provide library services, and, of course, the Friends will continue their decades' long support of on-going library programs and new book acquisitions. The City is now securing the land currently occupied by the old Veteran's Memorial Hall for the new library.

As part of the agreement, the City will build the Vets a new building, at the corner of Risa Road and Mt. Diablo Blvd. In addition to meeting the goal of having the library near the downtown schools, this agreement provides a wonderful "two-for-one" opportunity by giving Lafayette residents two new community facilities downtown.

Starting October 30th, the Veterans will be selling memorial bricks for $100 each to help defray part of the cost for their new Hall. Honorees do not need to be Veterans. Call 934-6881 for more information.

LAFAYETTE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION
A New & Vital Community Resource

Lafayette residents share a remarkable passion for their community. While priding themselves on maintaining a semi-rural atmosphere in the decidedly urban Bay Area, they also demand and support high quality civic, cultural and educational opportunities here in town that are not funded by the City. That's where the Lafayette Community Foundation steps in.

Although not part of the City government, the Foundation is a vital part of the Lafayette community. Established in 1999, the purpose of the Lafayette Community Foundation (LCF) is to provide financial support for local projects and organizations dedicated to enhancing the quality of life in Lafayette.

Anne Grodin, former mayor of Lafayette and chair of the LCF explained that the foundation was originally conceived as a vehicle to raise money for a new library, but it quickly became something much larger. In just three years, the LCF has raised over $400,000, which the founders see as just a beginning. Says Grodin, "We want to create an organization that will live on for years, and have a profound effect on the community."

The Lafayette Community Foundation, a 100% volunteer organization, does not compete with the other local organizations whose programs are created to meet the specific needs of Lafayette residents. Rather, the LCF seeks to support and expand the efforts of local non-profits by increasing charitable donations and supporting their projects and programs. The foundation seeks to 1) provide an efficient conduit for charitable giving, 2) find ways to leverage resources, and 3) encourage collaboration. In essence, the LCF is trying to get the most "bang for the charitable buck."

The LCF has established a process whereby grants are made to local tax-exempt organizations that demonstrate solid management and have a clear plan with specific goals. The LCF looks for approaches that avoid duplication of effort. For example, LCF grants provided extra funding needed to purchase air conditioning for the Community Center and to rehab a grand piano for use by both Town Hall and Gold Coast Chamber Players.

The Lafayette Community Foundation is an affiliate of the 74-year old East Bay Community Foundation (EBCF), which provides regulatory, financial and investment services, thus enabling the LCF to keep administration costs to a minimum. This affiliation also allows the LCF to accept gifts of stock and real estate as well as aid in establishing charitable trusts and bequests. The LCF has established designated accounts for specific projects such as the new library and may, by contract, hold and invest endowment funds as it does for the Rotary Club.

Philanthropy is an American tradition. Many of our grand institutions are the result of generous gifts by individuals. Philanthropy is not just good for the recipient, it is also wonderful for the donor, which is why the LCF is dedicated to helping Lafayette residents make charitable giving feel right for them.

Contact info: The Lafayette Community Foundation would like to receive your donation, Address: P.O. Box 221, Lafayette, CA 94549; Phone: 925-284-8214; www.LafayetteCommunityFoundation.org

Projects LCF Has Supported Since 1999

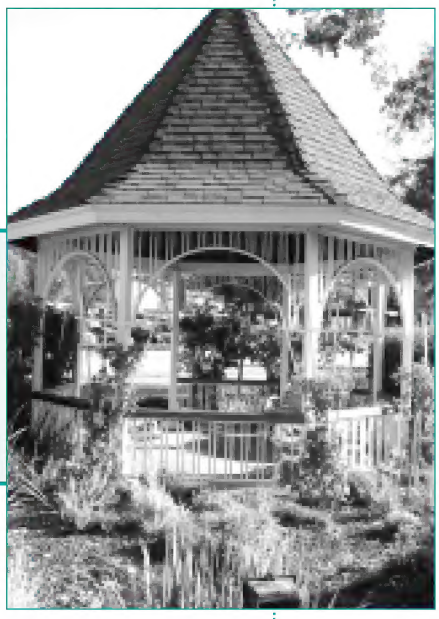
- New air conditioning for Lafayette Community Center
- Wireless headsets and ticket printer for Town Hall Theatre
- Contact Care Helpline helps elderly/disabled remain at home
- Concert piano for use by Town Hall and Gold Coast Players
- Murals at Stanley Middle School
- Outdoor gallery/demonstration area at Lamorinda Arts Alliance
- Clearing creek's edge along trails
- Help science teachers bring environmental issues to classroom
- Individual and grief counseling at Contra Costa Crisis Center
- Microphones for Belasco Theatre Company
- Artz 4 Kidz, SummerSong, and Gold Coast Chamber Players productions

Volunteers Make Lafayette Special

Lean government and low taxes are trademarks of Lafayette but that does not necessarily mean that our community has lower quality services or programs than other cities. In fact, thanks to the legions of volunteers who donate thousands of hours every year to supplement the time of City officials and staff, residents enjoy a wide variety of sports, cultural and community programs and services. Volunteerism is essential to our community and it takes on many forms in Lafayette.

Gardeners Beautify the City

On City property, along Mt. Diablo Blvd. near Golden Gate Dr., is a pretty gazebo surrounded by flowers.The Lafayette Garden Club has been tending this garden for decades and each week volunteers weed, trim and plant. Recently one member, Virginia Stone, donated $1,000 to refurbish the gazebo's benches and wooden railing, which were getting worn. Mike Milner, a local contractor hired to do the work, took such an interest in the project that he decided to go beyond what the club had contracted for and absorb the rest of the costs himself.



The refurbished gazebo, with its beautiful white climbing roses, is a gorgeous sight along Mt. Diablo Blvd.

Thanks to these two individuals the gazebo looks pristine again.

Commissioners Supply Expertise

One particularly important group of volunteers in Lafayette is the commissioners who are appointed by, and serve as advisors to, the City Council. Eight permanent commissions study proposals, review plans and make recommendations to the Council as part of the normal process of city governing. In addition, volunteer committees and task forces are formed ad hoc for special projects.

Attorneys, architects, doctors, executives and business owners all lend their considerable expertise and valuable time, for free, to the City. In fact, even the city councilmembers are 100% volunteer – making Lafayette only one of three cities in Contra Costa County that do not pay councilmembers for their service.

This is democracy in action according to Fran Sticha, a Parks and Recreation Commissioner since 1986. "The history of Lafayette shows a very active commission structure. It is not just a nicety — the City Council really relies on the commissions' advice." Sticha, whose particular passion is open space issues, organizes Saturday morning hikes for Parks and Recreation, and, as a member of the Trails Sub-committee, helped developed a Trails Master Plan for Lafayette. While Sticha acknowledges that this plan will probably not be implemented for many years, she feels good about helping design it. "When people talk about things they want the City to do, I tell them, 'You are the City. Make it happen.' Lafayette has plenty of ways to get involved." Sticha said that Lafayette has many people who are politically active, but always needs new people "to step up to the plate." And it looks like there will be an opportunity for someone new next year as Sticha says it is finally time for her to step down.

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Another resident who has been donating time and expertise to the City for a long time is Jeanne Atelijevich, member of the Planning Commission, and the Downtown Street Improvement and Master Plan Implementation Committee. Like Sticha, Atelijevich meshes volunteerism with her own personal interests. "Although being a commissioner has required lots of hours of work, I have stayed involved because it has been so interesting." Atelijevich added, "It was my involvement with the Master Landscape Plan that led me to become a licensed landscape architect."

Our Youth Benefit from Dedicated Volunteers

Oh, to be a kid in Lafayette! This is a mecca for youth sports programs, which include soccer, baseball, lacrosse, football, softball, swimming, basketball, roller hockey, rugby and football. Soccer alone has over 2,000 players in Lafayette. That's nearly 10% of our population! And behind every activity is a group of extremely dedicated parents making it happen for the kids. One "heavy-hitter" is Matt Chaney who moved to Lafayette in 1998 with his wife and two boys and quickly became involved in youth activities. Rand Chritton (who himself has donated over 20 hours/week to Lafayette youth sports for the past decade) said, "Matt is the kind of guy that will do anything for you. He just steps in wherever he is needed." Chaney is on the Board of Directors of Lafayette Little League, the Commissioner of Referees for LMYA soccer, the Emergency Preparedness Coordinator for Burton Valley PTA, coach for two baseball teams and two soccer teams, and volunteers in both his boys' classrooms. Chaney points out that he is not alone, "There are so many people willing to do things. It is a night and day difference from where I lived before. I was accustomed to maybe five parents in a class volunteering, and here every family is ready to help."

Volunteerism is a way of life for many Lafayette residents. And, thanks to them, Lafayette is a special place to live for everyone.

"It is nice to be part of making these programs run well for the kids, and an honor to work with such a wonderful group of people."
– Matt Chaney

Time for Creek & Ditch Maintenance

It's time to clean our creeks again in order to prepare for the rainy season. Key things to watch for are fallen leaves and vegetation in or near streams, drains and ditches. This includes tree limbs or other materials that might obstruct water flow. Remember, streams and ditches running by and on private property are the responsibility of individual property owners. Any work that substantively affects the bank or bottom of a drainage channel, including drain discharges, requires a permit from the State Department Fish and Game. Please contact their office directly at (707) 944-5520.

It takes all of us working together to eliminate potential flooding hazards and to maintain preventative measures to support our creeks as an efficient drainage system. If you have questions about clearing or maintaining your creek area, call the City's Engineering Services secretary, Erika Liskamm, at 284-1951.

To become more involved with the Friends of Lafayette's Creeks advocacy and volunteer group, please call Carl Piercy at 284-4251.

Storm Drain Pollution Prevention

It is up to all of us to keep our waterways clean. Improper residential practices are a major part of stormwater pollution.

Here's what YOU can do to help:

- Follow guidelines for safe chemical use and disposal.
- Use less toxic home and garden products.
- Do not dump or wash anything into storm drains. Leaves, branches and yard waste discharged into storm drains deplete the oxygen in the water that is necessary for aquatic life.
- Report questionable activities near storm drains or creeks to the **Public Works Office (284-3908)** or the **Public Works Hotline (299-3259)**
- If you suspect a hazardous situation, call **911** or the **Police Department (284-5010)**

Update on Clean Water Requirements

The Regional Water Quality Control Board is in the process of amending clean water program requirements for Contra Costa County cities, including Lafayette. Standards regulating new and redevelopment construction projects are becoming more stringent. The City will be responsible for adopting and enforcing ordinances to prevent or reduce pollutants in stormwater as well as providing the funds for programs necessary to implement clean water practices. Potential effects of the proposed new standards include:

- Additional costs for developers and cities;
- Changes in street, site design, and drainage standards;
- Increase in stream restoration projects;
- Increase in staff time to incorporate permit requirements into the General Plan, provide CEQA review for development projects, inspect treatment controls and report on all State and Regional Water Quality Control board requirements.

The City currently collects stormwater fees but implementing these new mandated standards will undoubtedly require funds beyond our current receipts. Sources for additional funds to implement the new clean water requirements are being investigated.

AROUND TOWN

Town Hall Theatre — **Box Office: 283-1557 or www.thtc.org** Tickets available at The Lafayette Bookstore.

10/31–11/24: ARCADIA by Tom Stoppard This brilliant play takes us smoothly back and forth between the centuries and explores the nature of truth and time, the difference between the classical and the romantic temperament, and the disruptive influence of sex on our orbits in life – the attraction Newton left out.

Oct 12 — **GOLDBERG VARIATIONS –** The Gold Coast Chamber Players. Perhaps J.S. Bach's greatest work for keyboard is transformed into a unique, multi-media performance for strings and 12 artists. Tickets: Town Hall Box Office, 283-1557. Info: 283-3728 or **www.gcplayers.org**

Oct 27 — **LAFAYETTE RESERVOIR RUN** – Northern California's most scenic fun run! A 10K course and flat 3-5K courses for walkers and the "stroller brigade." For information call: Chamber of Commerce, 284-7404.

Nov 3 — **9TH ANNUAL LAFAYETTE JUNIORS RUMMAGE SALE** – Great bargains new & used! Benefits programs that serve local families. 7am – 3pm. Lafayette Veterans Memorial Building. Call 376-5804 for info.

Nov 5 — **ELECTION DAY** – VOTE, VOTE, VOTE!

Nov 7 — **CITIZEN OF THE YEAR DINNER** – Come honor Lafayette's leading light! Lafayette Park Hotel. Call the Chamber at 284-7404 for more information.

Nov 22 — **THANKSGIVING COMMUNITY BREAKFAST** – Join your neighbors to celebrate all that is good in our community. Location/Reservations: 284-7404.

Dec 6 — **HOSPICE TREE LIGHTING** – Lafayette Circle at Mt. Diablo Blvd, near the Roundup Saloon. 6 – 7pm.

Parks & Recreation — **500 St Mary's Road, Call 284-2232 for info & reservations.**

10/9: CHILDREN'S PILLOW CONCERT – Children up to age 8. Bring a favorite pillow and enjoy songs, stories, magic and a puppet show. 11:00 am, Community Center, $2 advance/$3 at the door.

10/26: SPOOKTACULAR HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL – Children up to 1st grade. Come in costume to enjoy the Not So Spooky Maze, Carnival Games, Pumpkin Patch, Storyteller & Concessions. Proceeds benefit the Tiny Tots program. 3:00 pm, Community Center, $3.

10/19: FAMILY SKATE NIGHT – Bring the whole family for an evening of skating, music, games & Towering Root Beer Floats! Pre-registration required. 6 – 8pm, Community Center Parking Lot. $7/person or $20/family.

12/7-8: 18TH ANNUAL WINTER FESTIVAL BOUTIQUE 35+ arts & crafts booths, visits with Santa, raffles, food, choral singers. 10 am – 4 pm, FREE. Community Center.

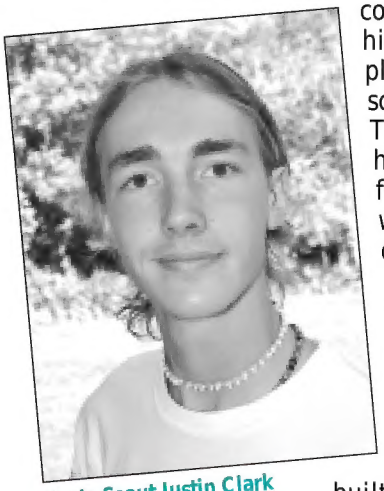
Hillside Ordinance Update

The City Council approved several changes to the City's hillside and ridgeline ordinances on July 8, 2002, which became effective on August 8, 2002. These changes will control development on the City's ridges and hillsides to ensure that Lafayette's semi-rural character and beauty will be maintained in the future. For more information, please contact the Planning Services Division at 284-1976.

Eagle Scouts Do Great in Lafayette

Volunteerism is not just for adults. One of the oldest community service groups in Lafayette is the Boy Scouts. Mark Drucker, Scout Master of Troop 204, said his troop, the oldest in Lafayette, has had 253 boys complete community service projects as part of their requirements to become Eagle Scouts since the troop was founded in 1932.

Eagle, the highest rank in Boy Scouts, is usually earned when a boy is 15-17 years old and represents the culmination of years of effort. To become an Eagle, a scout must earn a requisite number of badges, demonstrate leadership abilities and complete a community service project. Each scout has his own service project which he must plan and complete, but rarely are the projects individual efforts and scouts are encouraged to enlist others to help them. The average Eagle project requires more than 100 hours of work, which means Lafayette has benefited from more than three thousand days of volunteer work from Troop 204. (And there are now four other troops in the city that also have Eagle Scouts.)



Eagle Scout Justin Clark

Last spring when Justin Clark, a member of Troop 204, was looking for a project, he contacted the Lafayette Parks and Recreation Department, which maintains a list of projects just waiting for volunteers. That's how Justin learned he could help an endangered species, the Western Bluebird, which had recently been sighted in the area. Clark built 10 wooden birdhouses, specifically designed for bluebirds, featuring small openings and removable roofs for easy cleaning. He then mounted the houses on 5-foot poles and installed them on the hillside behind the softball fields on St Mary's Rd, where the birds had been sighted. The goal was to encourage mating and establish the area as a Western Bluebird habitat. It looks like the idea is working since several birds took up residence in the new houses this summer.

Eagle Scout Justin Fukayama

Another nascent idea became an Eagle project for Justin Fukayama last year when he called his former daycare, Merriewood Children's Center at Burton Valley School, to see what they needed done. Their request was a ten-foot by ten-foot deck inside a very large sand box. Fukayama planned how to build the deck and specified the materials while Merriewood bought the supplies. Then Fukayama and about a dozen other scouts and friends spent one day building the deck and three days filling in the sand around it. This project had a few challenges during construction because the site was not level, and the surface they were covering was part concrete and part grass. However, Fukayama and crew got the job done and in the process, Fukayama earned the troop's "Most Substantial Project Award". The preschoolers who play on it each day just think it's neat, but ten years from now, one of them might call Merriewood to see what they can do as an Eagle Scout community service project, and a new generation will discover how great it feels to Do-Good.

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Niroop Srivatsa, Planning Srv. Mgr.	**284-1976**
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P.W. Hotline (to report problems)	**299-3259**

If you observe illegal dumping in creeks & storm drains or accidental spills on roads, call Contra Costa Hazardous Materials Division 646-2286.

Lamorinda School Bus Program

Juliet Shanks, Analyst	**299-3216**
	Or 299-3215

Parks and Recreation — 284-2232

Jennifer Russell, Director	
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Police Services

Emergency: 24 Hours	**911**
Police Dispatch: 24 Hours	**284-5010**
Police Business Office:	**283-3680**

Anonymous Tipline, Traffic Enforcement, Suggestions & LEARN (Laf. Emergency Action Response Network), 299-3232 X 2205

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